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Natures has Talent!

Last year's Talent Show was such a success that everyone wanted to have another one this year. Once again Hans and Hermien stepped up to the plate to host the event.

For a few weeks before the show if one listened carefully while walking around the park, one could hear people practicing their various acts, and when the evening of the performance arrived the clubhouse was packed as we waited with great anticipation for the show to begin.

With Hans's amazing coordination the evening flowed from one act to the next, and we discovered that we have even more extremely talented people than we had last year. There was singing, various musical instruments, dancing, comedy, story telling and a piece of fun where 5 men were each given a pair of pantyhose to put on – which had the audience rolling in the isles.

Our thanks go to Hans & Hermien for the great job that they did, and to all of the wonderful participants. This event was attended by more people than any other event in the history of Natures!!

Our Awesome Volunteers.

Some time ago it was suggested that we put fans up in the clubhouse. After researching which would be the best fans for our purpose, two industrial fans were purchased, and were scheduled to be installed during the summer when the park is quiet. Sometimes things just

do not go as planned, and when the 2011/2012 season began, the fans were still in their boxes.

That's when Jim (& Judy) stepped in and volunteered to install the fans. After erecting the scaffolding – which was quite a job – it was felt that it would be a good idea to install the much needed additional lighting while the scaffolding was up and electric lines were being run. So, although Jim only volunteered to install the fans, we twisted his arm into installing four lights as well. This turned a 'not so big job' into a job that took quite a few days to complete.

Pete (& Linda) was roped in to be at the bottom of the scaffolding to pass things to Jim as he needed them and push the scaffolding around to where Jim needed to be. This certainly speeded up the process and saved Jim from climbing up and down the scaffolding.

While the scaffolding was up it seemed like a good time to clean the ceiling and dust all the walls which added another day and a half to having the scaffolding up in the clubhouse, and the tables and chairs either moved to one side or stacked out of the way. Although this was somewhat disruptive to some of the activities in the clubhouse everyone just went with the flow and somehow, because of the good nature of our Natures family, activities continued in spite of the work going on. We would like to thank everyone for their understanding and patience and are happy to announce that the clubhouse is once more back to normal and it boasts super bright lights and very efficient, quiet fans.

Our thanks go to Jim for the very professional job that he did, and to both Jim and Pete for all the time and hard work that they put into this project. We are so grateful to you for our fans and lights.

Tidbits from Speckles, Natures Proud Cat!

What a time we are having! All our family are here, and there is so much going on that I'm having a tough time keeping track of it all!



- It was sad to see all the Christmas decorations come down. There were lots of people who helped to put them away for next year. Thanks for all your help.
- The Blood Mobile visited us again in January. 33 people registered. There were 27 eligible donors who donated 28 units of life saving blood to our community. (One person gave double red cells.) Thank you to all of our blood donors.
- Randy Webb provided great blend of country and rock 'n roll music for our "Friday the 13th" dance. Judging from the crowded dance floor, all the laughter in the clubhouse and the great variety of snacks in the card room everyone had a great time. Thanks to Laurie and Mel for the great job they did hosting the event.
- A group of people went on a fishing trip in the Gulf of Mexico. This time they did not tell the fisherman's story of the one

that got away. They brought a huge haul home!



The end of a very successful Fishing Trip

- Hahaha! I took a photo of Misty when she was cleaning the ceiling in the clubhouse and painting the junction boxes for the new fans and lights in the clubhouse!
- Dan & Karen finished their lot with some different stone work. It looks great. Check it out.
- Doug & Alannah, who make beautiful fused glass jewelry, gave a two day work shop to teach others their skills. I managed to peek into the kiln, and saw some beautiful pieces. They will be giving a second workshop next month.

That's all from me! Have a purrrfectly wonderful month!



Dermatology Screening at Natures

One of the concerns that nudists have is the damage the sun causes to our skin. Dr. Lin, a local dermatologist, came to Natures to

give a presentation on how to protect our skin, and how to recognize marks on our skin that should be seen by a dermatologist. His slide show presentation was extremely helpful, although at times a little scary!

After his presentation he and his associate screened anyone who wanted to be checked over for suspicious moles or marks. Approximately 60 people attended the presentation and went for the screening. A number of people were told that they had areas that needed attention or treatment. We are most grateful to Dr. Rick Lin for coming out to Natures.

Check the bulletin board in the clubhouse for flyers and additional details of all the activities listed below. All Fun in the Sun activities require sign-ups, and it will help the organizers if you will do this as soon as possible.

February Special Events

- 2nd Mexican Fiesta 6:00 p.m.
- 4th Killer Bee Hockey 5:00 p.m. Tailgate Party
- 5th Super Bowl Party
- 7th Med Check 7:30 a.m.
- 7th Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
- 12th Birthday & Anniversary Party 6:30 p.m.
- 13th Valentine Dance 7:00 p.m. Music by Party of One
- 14th Ladies Day Out
- 17th Birding Outing
- 21st Men's Breakfast
- 23rd Dance 7:00 p.m. Music by Renaissance Rockers
- 26th Daytona 500
- 27th Potluck

Fun in the Sun

- 20th Texas Holdem 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- 21st Shuffleboard 11 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Wii Bowling 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 22nd Water Volleyball 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Billiards 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
- 23rd Petanque 11:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- 24th Horseshoes 11a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Golf Cart Rally 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Bingo 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 25th Soccer Kick 11a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Beanbag/Cornhole 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
- Euchre 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Weekly Activities

- Bicycle Ride** 9:00 a.m. Thursday
- Bingo** 6:15 p.m. Friday
- Breakfast:** 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday Biscuits & Gravy 8:00 – 9:15 a.m.
- Saturday. See bulletin board for menu
- Campfire** 5:00 p.m. Friday Bring whatever you need to cook your hotdogs over the fire.
- Line Dancing** 7:00 p.m. Wednesday
- Mexican Train Dominoes** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
- Michigan Rummy** 1:00 p.m. Thursday
- Old Time Radio** 4:00 p.m. Thursday Lot 102
- Petanque** 2:00 p.m. every day
- Spanish Conversation** 3:00 – 5:00 Thursday
- Stick Rummy** 7:00 p.m. Sunday
- Stitch & Chat** 1:00 p.m. Friday
- Water Aerobics** 10:00 a.m. Monday Wednesday and Friday
- Western Dance Lessons** 7:45 p.m. Wednesday
- Water Volleyball** 2:00 p.m. every day, weather permitting.
- Wii Bowling** 3:45 p.m. Tuesday
- Yoga & Pilates** 10:00 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday